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HOLLY POND – Holly Pond Middle School leveraged public funding to bring a unique eLearning library environment to students. Principal Chuck Gambrill and teacher April Dean worked this summer to remodel the classroom, which converted a standard classroom into a relaxed and collaborative learning environment.

Teacher April Dean has instituted a modern approach to deliver a virtual library class by using hi-tech tablet devices. Holly Pond Middle School recently purchased Samsung Galaxy tablets and iPads allowing students to download books from a virtual library. The devices have P9


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April Dean teaches to groups of students as they work on their "Shark Tank" plans.

UNITED WAY DEPOT DAY MAKES A SPLASH




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Children from across Cullman County came out to dunk their principals and cool off on the water slide during Saturday's United Way Depot Day. P6

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

MEET HANCEVILLE'S MRS. ELSIE MOON

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HANCEVILLE – Mrs. Elsie Moon has lived an interesting life. Over the years she has sang her heart out in the Sacred Harp way and owned a doll shop in Gardendale. She is a woman of talent and has never met a stranger. She is an artist and can make – or paint just about anything she wants. Friendly and happy, she sat down one afternoon and told of her life.

"I was raised in Cold Springs," she began. "We lived there until I was in the ninth grade. Then my daddy had a heart attack and had to quit farming. So we moved to Walker County and I finished school at Curry. "

"I had my first Sacred Harp lesson when I was seven years old, and I've been going to Sacred Harp Singings all my life," she continued.

"Did you know they had a two day Sacred Harp Convention at the Cullman County Courthouse recently? That is the only convention in the United States that I know of that still has P4


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Moon ran a doll shop for 15 years.

ALS' MYSTERY 'WASHOUT' FUNDRAISER TRIES TO RECAPTURE MOMENTUM OF ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

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FAIRVIEW – On Saturday, August 29, there will be an ALS Washout Event at Fairview Park. The details about what exactly an "ALS Washout" have yet to be revealed by event organizer Diane Harris.

"I'll just say it involves a fire truck," Harris laughingly said. Although the main event is a bit of a mystery, the other details of the fundraiser are not.

In order to raise awareness and research funds for ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, Harris has organized this event.

"Last year, you know after the Ice Bucket Challenge got so popular, the goal was to have the Ice Bucket Challenge every August until a cure was found," Harris said.

"But this summer it didn't catch on like it did last year, so we decided to do something different," she continued.

Diane Harris, whose husband, Danny, was diagnosed with ALS in 2011, has been very motivated to push fundraising efforts and raise awareness for the disease that is so unpredictable.

"You know, most people in America don't know what ALS is, so you say, 'it's Lou Gehrig's disease,'" Diane said. "But most of the new generation don't know who Lou Gehrig was."

The Harris' have a dramatic story about the day that Danny was diagnosed with ALS.

"We had an appointment with a doctor in Atlanta on April 28, 2011. So we were traveling on April 27, the day the storms hit. You can only imagine how hard it was to make that drive, and then the next day get such terrible news," Diane explained.

Her husband is now unable to speak, but still fighting alongside his wife to raise awareness and find a cure.

The event, which will start up at 10 a.m. at Fairview Park, will feature a food vendor, water slides and activities for children, live music, and the somewhat-of-a-mystery main attraction. The event will continue on until 2 p.m.

There is a $25 suggested donation, and along with that the first 200 to donate receive a T-shirt to commemorate the event. P2

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THIRD ANNUAL FARM Y'ALL EVENT GROWS

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CULLMAN – This year's Farm Y'all event will be held on Saturday, August 29. The event, previously limited to the Festhalle area, will be expanded to include nearby Depot Park.

The event, now in its third year, will include classic events, such as the pumpkin weigh-off. But, Derek Lane, Director of Small Business and Workforce Solutions at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce has taken the reins of Farm Y'all and has introduced new attractions.

"We'll have artistic fruit carving by Rosie Hartley of Stonebridge Farms," Lane said. "As well as chefs and demonstrators."

The event, which has grown since its first installment, is meant to celebrate the often-overlooked contributors to Cullman's economy, the farmers.

"Cullman is ranked number 3 in the United States in 'micropolitan' cities," Lane said of Cullman's growth. "The main economic engine of Cullman is the agriculture."

This event, according to Lane, is meant to celebrate, bring awareness and appreciation to the agricultural community of Cullman County.

Cullman's agriculture isn't just an important aspect of the local economy, but of the entire state's economy.

Cullman is the number one agriculture producing county in the entire state of Alabama, according to Lane who sited a study posted online in May of this year.

Farm Y'all will start off Saturday, August 29 at 8 a.m. At that time, the farmers market will be open, as well as registration for giant pumpkins and watermelons.

This year, just as in the part, attendance to Farm Y'all will be free.

"We're committed to keeping the admittance to this event free," Lane said. "Now, vendors will be at the event and they will charge. You know, food vendors, and this year crafts vendors."

The initial idea for the event came from a local farmer who merely had the idea to have a giant pumpkin weigh-off. According to Lane, that idea floated around at the Chamber of Commerce until a full-blown festival was the final product.

"We expect 2,500 to 3,000 people visit Farm Y'all this year," Lane said.

"We've grown and expanded the area of the festival of the event to account for the growth and the amount of people at the event."

The heat is an annual issue at Farm Y'all and Lane said they've acquired Polar Coolers to provide a relief from the high temperatures, as well as water mist.

As far as a goal for the event, Lane said, "It would be nice for the Cullman community to raise their sense of appreciation for the agricultural community."

STAAR RIDE – ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

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CULLMAN – On the morning of Saturday, August 29, motorcyclists will depart the parking lot of Harley-Davidson's Huntsville location on a state-long journey to raise funds and awareness for foster children throughout Alabama and the U.S.

Cindy Colvin, Director of Royal Family Kids Camp 218 in Huntsville, initiated the ride.

"Royal Family Kids Camp," said Colvin, "gives foster kids the opportunity to participate in traditional summer camp experiences that they would otherwise not be able to be exposed to."

When asked what gave her the idea for a motorcycle ride through the state of Alabama, Colvin said it was born out of necessity.

"We went through the governor's office, actually, and asked if there was any organization or annual event that brings awareness or raises funds for foster children in the state," Colvin said. "There was nothing, so we decided to do it ourselves."

According to Colvin, there were 5k children in foster care in the state of Alabama last year. Also according to Colvin, 7k children were able to participate in Royal Family Kids Camps throughout the world.

"We actually received a commendation from the governor for our efforts in initiating this event," Colvin said.

To participate in the ride that will begin in Hunstville, Ala, and conclude in Gulf Shores, riders must pay $40. All the money raised will go directly to supporting the children of Camp 218.

"We're all volunteers," Colvin said. "I don't say that to brag or anything, but to say that we're not going to be getting any of this money. It's all for the kids, it goes straight for them."

The $40 donation for each rider allots he or she a patch commemorating the event, along with a lunch in Pelham, Ala.

"From Pelham the riders can choose to continue on to Gulf Shores with us, or they can stop there," Colvin said. "We chose Pelham because it's kind of a middle area of the state."

Colvin went on to reiterate that the funds go to children, most of which have been abandoned and, or, abused in some way.

Registration for the event is open at Palmerdale. RoyalFamilyKids.org, and people from Cullman can join in the ride when it passes through this Saturday.

REVENUE COMMISSIONER TO VISIT AREA SENIOR CENTERS

Cullman Revenue Commission
Contributor

CULLMAN – Any property owner who is age 65 or older may qualify for additional discounts on his or her homestead (primary residence). Owners must request this additional discount through the local Revenue Commission office. The exact amount of the discount is based on the household taxable income as indicated on annual income tax forms.

On Tuesday, September 1, Cullman Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham will begin a series of visits to all area senior centers to share helpful information on submitting requests for over age-65 exemptions.

Following a brief presentation by the Revenue Commissioner, attendees may ask questions as needed to prepare them for applying for these exemptions.

For questions on this or any topic related to property tax, residents may contact the Cullman County Revenue Commission office at 256-775-4776 or visit the website at cullmanrevenuecommissioner.com.

Schedule of Senior Center Visits

- Tuesday, September 1 at 10:00 am: Brushy Pond Senior Center
- Tuesday, September 1 at 10:30 am: Cold Springs Senior Center
- Wednesday, September 2 at 10:00 am: Hanceville Senior Center
- Wednesday, September 2 at 10:30 am: Center Hill Senior Center
- Thursday, September 3 at 10:30 am: Baileyton Senior Center
- Tuesday, September 8 at 10:30 am: Dodge City Senior Center
- Wednesday, September 9 at 10:00 am: Crane Hill Senior Center
- Wednesday, September 8 at 10:30: Jones Chapel Senior Center
- Thursday, September 10 at 10:00 am: West Point Senior Center
- Monday, September 14 at 10:00 am: Colony Senior Center
- Monday, September 21 at 10:00 am: Cullman Senior Center
- Tuesday, September 22 at 10:30 am: New Canaan Senior Center
- Wednesday, September 23 at 9:30 am: Simcoe Senior Center
- Wednesday, September 23 at 10:30 am: Good Hope Senior Center
- Thursday, September 24 at 10: am: Holly Pond Senior Center
- Tuesday, September 29 at 9:30 am: Hill Top Senior Center
- Tuesday, September 29 at 10:30 am: Fairview Senior Center
- Wednesday, September 30 at 10:00 am: Cullman County Fair (Senior Day)
- Wednesday, October 7 at 9:30 am: Donald Green Senior Center

NEW SMART911 PROGRAM HELPS EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPOND FASTER

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CULLMAN – Smart911 is a new program created by Rave Mobile Safety. The program is free to Cullman County residents. Residents create a Safety Profile and give 9-1-1 information about themselves and their household. The information in a citizen's Safety Profile will be available when a call to 9-1-1 is made.

Residents enter all information into a Safety Profile at smart911.com, the more information included the faster police, fire and emergency services can respond.

The information from the profile will automatically display on the 9-1-1 call-taker's screen when an emergency call is made.

The account is secure and the user control what information is in their profile.

Anytime one makes an emergency call the 9-1-1 system will recognize the individual from any of the phones that are registered with their Safety Profile.

Smart911 can be used for when a child goes missing, a fire occurs, or medical emergencies.

If there is an accident at home, on the job, or in the car the app could possibly make a terrible situation much less severe.

Any time that is saved could assist in saving a life.

Gordon L. Sandlin Administrative Director Cullman County E911 said, "Smart911 is designed to give first responders information that normally they would not have, even if the caller cannot communicate verbally with the PSAP. We are even able to ping the phone if need be. This could save lives."

According to Sandlin, Cullman is one of the five counties in Alabama utilizing Smart911.

Sandlin also explained Smart911 makes 9-1-1 and emergency responders aware of many details they would not have known previously.

For example, fire crews can arrive at a house fire knowing how many people live in the home and the location of bedrooms.

EMS can be advised of allergies or specific medical conditions, and police can have the photo of a missing child in seconds rather than minutes or hours.

ALS (from Front)

"Our family has been so great," Diane said.

"We've gone in together to secure the slides and things for the event, the musicians are performing as a donation, so all the proceeds from donations will go straight to the ALS charity."



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER CALLS ON LOCAL BUSINESSES TO BRING AWARENESS TO 'SAVE' PROGRAM

Chris Chambers
Contributor

CULLMAN – Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC) is asking local businesses to bring awareness to the existing SAVE (Students Achieving Vocational Excellence) program. The SAVE program is designed to prepare and transition students to enter the workforce as a dependable employee resource.

The SAVE program is designed to develop students into an employable resource with the goal of entering the Cullman County work force. The CDC recognizes they have a dependable source of potential employees that is currently not utilized.

Chris Chambers the Principal of the Child Development Center stated, "We have potential employees that without a job opportunity will have absolutely nothing to do once they graduate. This can mean everything to a student and their life long development."

Chris went on to say, "We have an untapped resource or labor for businesses in Cullman County for entry level positions."

SAVE starts with ninth and tenth grade students by providing job-shadowing opportunities.

This portion of the program focuses on entry-level jobs that are task related to reveal the students specific job functioning capabilities

Once the students are in the eleventh and twelve grades, they under go a task or job analysis to determine what level of skill the student has or needs to further develop.

For SAVE to become a successful program, partnerships with businesses are needed to provide the opportunity for small or large group job shadowing.

Job shadowing will allow the students to get acclimated by experiencing "real world" working business environments.

The ultimate goal is to have an actual internship that might facilitate full time employment once graduated from CDC.

Currently, SAVE has had successful job shadowing sessions with the following business: Sports Fit, Piggly Wiggly, Pasquale's Pizza and Big Lots. Chris Chambers stated, "We owe a big thank you to these businesses as the experiences our students had proved to be priceless."

Cullman County Child Development Center's goal is to convert students into good family and group members, which begins in school and allows them to be more independent.

Once the student achieves the level of being a good family member they move to the next step of becoming a good community member.

The final step of achievement is to become a community worker, and that is what the SAVE program provides.

TRUCK DRIVERS AND REGISTERED NURSES CONTINUE TO BE MOST SOUGHT AFTER EMPLOYEES ACCORDING TO HWOL DATA

Tara Huchison
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Data collected and analyzed by the Alabama Department of Labor's Labor Market Information Division shows that the most online wanted ads were for truck drivers, registered nurses, and retail supervisors, with more than 10,000 ads placed for those occupations in July. Online ads were up 4.75% from June.

The Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data is compiled from all online job postings in the state, including those posted on the state's free online jobs database, joblink.alabama.gov, and other sources; such as traditional job boards, corporate boards, and social media sites. There were 54,844 online ads this month, 30,626 of those were new ads.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of $19.91 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of $27.53 per hour, and first-line supervisors of retail sales workers earn a mean wage of $20.29 per hour.

"Ads are up this month, to a record breaking 54,844, which is the most online ads posted since we began tracking them in 2005. This is showing us that employers are continuing to hire in Alabama," said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor.

"Four of the 10 top jobs have hourly wages of $20 or more. It's important to know what kinds of jobs are in demand so that agencies, including the Department of Labor, can work together to help provide qualified employees and put Alabamians back to work."

The top employers with the most online ads placed in Alabama are: Community Health Systems, Inc. (731), UAB Medicine (675), and Celadon (611).

The three industry groups posting the most online ads are:

- General Freight Trucking
- Employment Services (Placement Agencies or Temporary Help)
- Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools

Fifty-six percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 27% of all ads are less than 90 days old.

"We'd like to encourage anyone who needs a job, or wants a different job, to come into one of our Career Centers for assistance," continued Washington.

"Our trained staff can assist you in obtaining the career you want."

A listing of Career Centers can be found at www.joblink.alabama.gov.

HWOL data for metropolitan areas and regions can be found at www2.labor.alabama.gov/workforcedev/default.aspx under the Reports and Surveys section. Select the region under the "HWOL" drop-down menu.

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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES VISIT ALABAMA

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BIRMINGHAM – Within two weeks' time, six of the top polling Republican presidential candidates are on the ground in Alabama. Donald Trump, Dr. Ben Carson, Governor John Kasich, Governor Scott Walker, Senator Ted Cruz and former Governor Jeb Bush have or will soon be touching down in cities throughout the state.

Alabama Republican Party Chairman Terry Lathan said, "Alabama is the reddest state in the nation, a fact our people proclaim loud and proud. The presidential candidates know that if they want their fingers on the pulse of the conservative base, they have to step into Alabama."

"In the midst of the Iowa State Fair, candidates are flooding into Alabama. It isn't a fluke. We have had presidential candidates visiting since before they announced and they will continue to visit until next November. Alabama voices are the number one way for presidential candidates to gauge conservative voters."

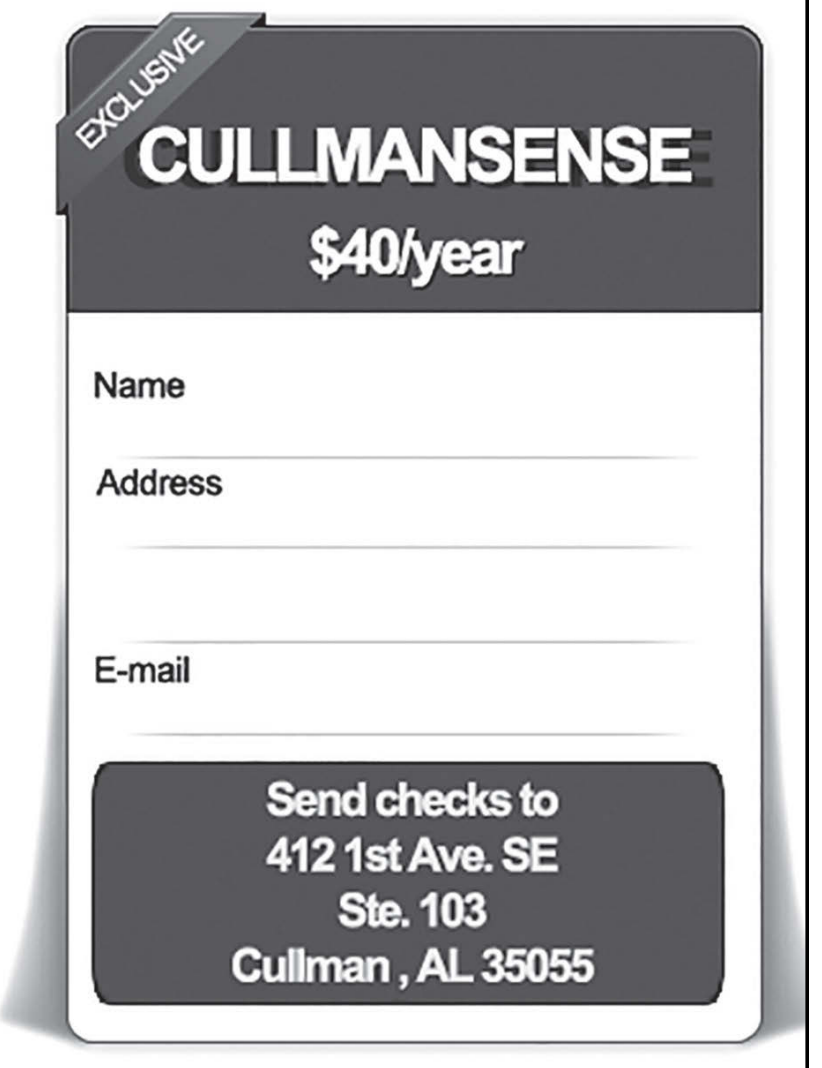
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RELIGIOUS SPOTLIGHT: DR. STANLEY KILGORE, PASTOR OF CENTER GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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CULLMAN – For the past six years, Dr. Stanley Kilgore has worked diligently to bring the congregation at Center Grove Baptist Church to the Lord. Fun loving and happy-go-lucky, Dr. Stanley provides an excellent example of Christian love for everyone he meets. Devoted family man, Brother Stanley extends his fatherly love to all those who attend his church. He has worked hard over the years and considers his ministry to be the calling of a lifetime.

Brother Stanley and his lovely wife, Lynn has been married for 43 years. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. He is a graduate of Trinity Bible College where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies. He is also a graduate of Trinity Theological Seminary where he received a Master of Arts and a Doctorate of Religious Studies. Almost all of his professional calling has been spent in pastoral ministry and missions.

"I came to faith in Christ in 1975 and felt God's call to enter the ministry in 1979," Kilgore explained. "I arrived at this decision after a tremendous amount of time was spent in prayer. But there was also a strong sense, a divine urge that ministry was what God was calling me to do for the rest of my life."

Brother Stanley has been the pastor of Center Grove Baptist Church in the East Cullman Baptist Association for over six years. He was also the pastor of North Gardendale Baptist Church in Gardendale for 21 years. Prior to that, he was at Westwood Baptist Church in Kimberly, Ala. for five years.

"My biggest challenge is to help people to see that we live in a changing culture," he began. "Our message that 'Christ loves all and is ready to save all who will come to Him' must remain the same. But we must be willing to change the ways in which we can deliver that message. What worked 40 years ago will not work today! Most people will not just walk into the church today. We must be willing to go to them and meet them where they are," he smiled.

When asked what the best part about being a minister was, Brother Stanley flashed a big smile and began talking.

"Without a doubt, my most rewarding moments are to see someone that I have personally discipled become a disciple maker. There is nothing in the world more rewarding than that. This is the model Christ has given us in 2 Tim. 2:2."

"Center Grove Baptist is a Southern Baptist church deeply involved in missions," he added. "We give at the local, state, national, and international levels. Our members are on mission several times throughout the year, both local and abroad. Our worship style is blended. I feel we are a loving and caring church. Our vans pick up children on Sundays and Wednesdays so we can minister to them."

Brother Stanley is a beloved member of Center Grove Baptist Church. His devotion to God and his dedication to bringing others closer to Him are outstanding.

Center Grove Baptist Church is located at 4607 Co Rd 1545, Cullman, Ala. 35058. For more information, call 256-796-5346 or visit cgbaptistchurch.com. Follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/pages/Center-Grove-Baptist-Church/138460674872.



DR. STANLY KILGORE

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Dr. Stanley Kilgore, Pastor of Center Grove Baptist Church

Moon (from Front)

the singing in the courthouse," she smiled.

"I can remember going in the old courthouse. They had a mezzanine up at the top and the whole courtroom would be full of people singing – even up in the mezzanine! I remember there was an old guy who was always there. He loved Sacred Harp singing, he would hear a song he liked and he would yell, 'That's good singin'!' just as loud as he could holler," she giggled girlishly.

When asked about her husband, Bernard, Mrs. Moon blushed just a little and began to talk.

"You might say we've known each other all of our lives," she smiled warmly.

"First I ever remember seeing my husband was when I was just about thirteen years old. His daddy was the preacher at Dorsey Creek Primitive Baptist Church, just below Bremen, where my mother and daddy went. "

"My parents had invited his daddy to our house; I think we were having a Sacred Harp Convention. That night we had a lot of visitors and they wanted to hear Mr. Moon preach, so we had invited him to our house to preach. Bernard came with him. It was the first time I'd ever seen him. I was too young to think about a boyfriend at the time, but I claimed him secretly," she giggled as her cheeks grew pink.

"He went into the "Service" and had been in there for two years when we got engaged," she continued.

"I got married the first day school started, my last year of school. I went ahead and finished school while he was stationed on board a ship – he was out to sea and gone all the time. After I finished school, I went to Birmingham and got a job and worked for six months until he got shore duty in Green Cove Springs, Florida. We stayed down there for six months and he got stationed to New York. I stayed the rest of the time with my parents, until he got out of the service."

Mrs. Moon worked at Blue Cross and Blue Shield for twenty-nine years. After she retired, she began her doll business.

"I went to North Carolina for a three day seminar on how to make dolls," she explained.

"I decided I really liked it - I made seven dolls that week! When my husband came to get me he couldn't believe it. Little did I know, he had already gone and bought me a kiln, some doll molds and had our basement fixed up for me to start working in - We had a three car garage and he sealed it all in," she smiled.

"That's what I used as my studio. I worked from there for about three years and my business started growing – I had fifty-nine students at one time! Eventually we went into Gardendale and got me a studio; it was a seven room house. I started teaching up there. The name of my shop was Wee World of Dolls, I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Mrs. Moon ran the doll shop for 15 years. Making dolls helped her deal with the loss of her beloved husband Bernard.

Two years after his death, she sold her shop and began volunteering for Caraway Hospital. She was so good at her job; the hospital eventually put her on the payroll. Six months later, she became ill and had to quit.

"I can remember going in the old courthouse. They had a mezzanine up at the top and the whole courtroom would be full of people singing – even up in the mezzanine!"

Elsie Moon

"I've had a real nice life," she recalled. "I have two boys, both married. I have five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. They're my life now. My husband's gone, all my brothers and sisters are dead. My mother and daddy are dead. I'm the only one in my family still living, other than my kids and grandkids."

Today Mrs. Moon spends her time with friends, painting beautiful pictures and creating fabulous crafts. She still sings like a little bird with other Fa So La singers, especially in church.

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SACRED HARP SINGING: WHAT IS THAT?

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In the Deep South people are forever going to 'singins'. There seems to be a singin going on at one of the churches here in Cullman County nearly every other weekend. Most times these singins feature good ole southern gospel music, and other times they feature sacred harp singing, or shape note singing. Both types of music are beautiful and are considered to be a real treat.

While most of us know what Southern gospel music is, not everyone is aware of what sacred harp, also known as fa-so-la singing is.

Sacred harp singing is and has always been a community social event emphasizing participation.

During these gatherings, people sing songs from a tune book called The Sacred Harp, which refers to the human voice - the musical instrument we were given at birth. It is the only instrument used in sacred harp singing.

The Sacred Harp tune book was first published in Hamilton, Georgia in 1844. It was one of the last old fashioned "four shaped" oblong songbooks that was compiled in America. In shape-note music, notes are printed in special shapes that help the reader identify them on the musical scale. There are two main types, one uses four shapes and the other uses seven. In the four-shape system used in The Sacred Harp, each of the four shapes is connected to a particular syllable, fa, sol, la, or mi.

These syllables are used in singing the notes, just as in the more familiar system that uses do, re, mi, etc. The four-shape system is able to cover the full musical scale because each syllable-shape combination other than mi is assigned to two distinct notes of the scale.

Sacred harp singing has a very distinctive and unique sound. The beauty of it will stop someone in their tracks. Many times the singins take place in a church out in the country somewhere.

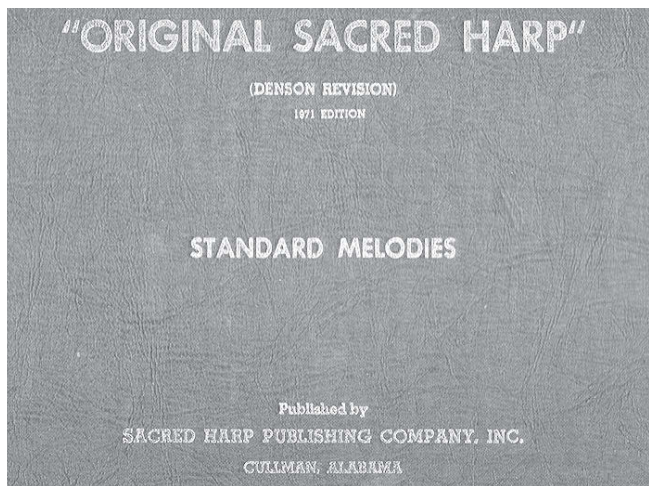
The windows to the church are normally raised so that the heavenly music drifts into every nook and cranny of the community. Both women and men sit in the church and fan themselves with a local funeral home fan as they sing and sway to their sweet songs.

Singins are usually an all day affair with dinner on the ground and it gives everyone a chance to come together as a family to visit, swap recipes, sing, pray, and eat.

Sacred harp singings don't always happen in a church, sometimes they are held at the courthouse.

The Cullman County Courthouse is the only courthouse in the world that still hosts a Sacred Harp Convention each year. Sacred harp singings have been held in the courthouse ever since the 1890s.

The singin in the courthouse is usually the second weekend in July. Many area churches will welcome all interested to their next singin. In the meantime, visit youtube.com/watch?v=WOoXL5PqYw&list=RDWOoXL5PqYw#t=63 to hear some of the beautiful music sung by Alabama folk.



CULLMAN COUNTY MUSEUM

The Sacred Harp refers to the human voice.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: CULLMAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE BELL

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CULLMAN – In front of the Cullman County Courthouse is a huge bell. The bell was made by the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, Maryland in 1913.

The McShane Bell Foundry has been in business since 1856 and was visited by television personality Mike Rowe on an episode of 'Dirty Jobs' on December 12, 2006.

This Bell Salvaged From Cullman County Courthouse That Was Located At 117 4th Street S. W. And Constructed In 1912.

Building Served As Courthouse Until 1964 And Completely Dismantled In 1968

Cullman County Historical Society 1974



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MIRRORING HISTORY: HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

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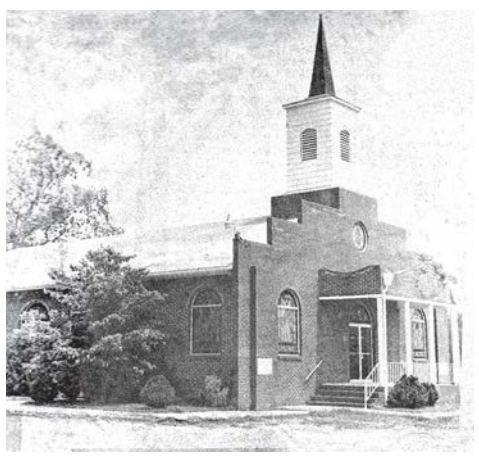
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- **Fall Youth Baseball Registration:** August 1—28 at the Cullman Civic Center; age groups will be 7-8 and 9-12. Cost is $400 per team or $90 for individual people to register.
- **CP&R New Youth Volleyball League** registering NOW at the Cullman Civic Center. Cost is just $50 and includes a players clinic, 2 weeks of practice, and 6 weeks of game play. Girls ages 7-12 will be eligible to play. Call for details.
- **Fall Men's League Softball Registration** is open now at the Heritage Park. Cost is $400 per team. Call 256-739-9931 for more information.
- **Fall Coed League Softball Registration** is now open at Heritage Park. Cost is $400 per team. Call 256-739-9931 for more information.
- **FREE Concerts in the Park** at Heritage Park will take place every Thursday in September at the recognition gardens at 6pm. Concerts will feature Heaton Bros. Band on Sept. 3, Ally & the Alley Katz on Sept. 10, Cullman County Bluegrass Band on Sept. 17, and an Elvis Impersonator on Sept. 24
- **CP&R Youth Archery Classes** for beginners, intermediate, and advanced archers will begin on Monday, September 7. Cost is $40 per month; register ahead of time at the Cullman Civic Center.
- **Kid's Create Art Class**: CP&R will be offering an after school art program at the new art studio located at the Cullman Civic Center starting September 10. Classes are registering now and are limited to 15 per class, so signup today!
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- **Home School Art Class:** CP&R is offering a home-school art class starting on Tuesday, September 8. Classes will be held at the Cullman Civic Center for ages 6-14 and cost is $40 per month. Register now at the Civic Center.

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ROCK AND GLOW 5K RUN AT SPORTSMAN LAKE GETS RESIDENTS EXCITED ABOUT FITNESS

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Rock and Glow participants light up Sportsman Lake Park on Saturday night.

CULLMAN – Bright colored T-shirts, excited smiles, glow sticks, and adrenaline pumping music saturated Sportsman Lake Park on Saturday before and during the Rock and Glow 5k Run. Cullman County Park & Recreation Department succeeded at getting Cullman County motivated about fitness.

From novice to hardcore runners, the night gave each participant a renewed excitement about running and staying healthy. The music played by DJ, Universal Sounds, kept the tempo of the race hopping the entire night.

It was not a competitive race and no trophies or prizes were given to participants. The purpose of the race was focused on encouraging runners from all levels to come out and do their best with no pressure on how they may look.

Lauren Estes, "We like to run, we enjoy things that are both healthy and happy. We try to find fun things to do every month. It's (Glow Run) good clean fun, family oriented. Sara Teichmiller put this event on, huge kudos to her, she's done a great job with all of Cullman County park and rec events."

Even though Rock and Glow was a highly relaxed race and there were no prizes or trophies, there was still a winner. Coming in 1st place, "I did track and Cross Country in high school, and took off six years. I'm just getting back into it, I actually just walked on UNA's Cross Country team and so I didn't perform very well today," Ryan LaGanke stated.

"This is my hometown, I just wanted to come back and spend time with my family- my dad, my baby brother. It's fun to be around the family, It's a fun atmosphere." A runner since seventh grade, LaGanke claimed the race provided a friendly environment.

Director of Cullman County Park & Recreation Department, Doug Davenport said, "Last year was our first year, we were the first ones in Cullman County to do it. Sara Teichmiller came up with the idea. We had 345 people last year, hopefully we'll exceed that number tonight. It's just fun, we put the serious people up front. It's more for family fun, you'll see lots of kids pulled in wagons. We have people from Jasper, Arab, Hartselle. So it's good for the park; brings enthusiasm and support."

Sara Teichmiller, Cullman County Parks Marketing and event coordinator said, "Last year we decided to put something like this on because there was nothing like this in Cullman. Instead of getting a company to come out we thought 'why don't we just do it ourselves. It will get more people out, get more people active.' Fitness is very important right now. Everyone seems to enjoy it. This is our second year doing it and everyone seem to have a blast doing it."

Days (from Front)

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CULLMAN – People of all ages came out to Depot Park to celebrate United Way's Depot Day on Saturday, August 22nd. Representatives from various agencies throughout the county were on site offering information about their organization, while at the same time entertaining the crowd with games and surprises.

"United Way is a charitable organization that sponsors several agencies throughout the county," said Lora Kent, United Way Volunteer.

"All of those agencies are represented here today. We are asking people to go around to each agency and learn about what each of them does. It's just a great way for us to give back to the community and get the word out about what United Way is."

"The United Way is in need of volunteers," Kent continued. "We have all sorts of needs, whether it's answering the phone or telling someone about the different agencies."

The highlight of the day was the dunking booth. Children lined up in great long lines for a chance to throw the ball and dunk their principals.

Dr. Jay Page from West Elementary got things started. Jay Conway from the 4-H Club was next.

Then Dr. Craig Ross, Cullman County Superintendent took a turn. Mr. David Wiggins from East Elementary was after Dr. Ross. There were a couple surprise guests who joined the fun and all of them got dunked - and soaking wet.

Food vendors lined the street and inflatables dotted the park.

There was also live music and exciting games. The weather was great and the turnout was fantastic.

To volunteer or for more information about the United Way of Cullman County and the various agencies they help, call 256-739-2948 or visit them at the old depot located at 304 1st Ave NE, Cullman, Ala. 35055. Visit them online at uwaycc.org and follow them on Facebook at facebook.com/unitedwaycullman.







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The West Point Warrior Marching Band practices their opening number in the band room at West Point High School.

WEST POINT WARRIOR BAND LEARNS TO BEAT THE HEAT

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WEST POINT – With fall comes school, and with school comes high school football, and with high school football comes the sound of the high school marching band; the thumps and rat-ta-tats of the drum-line, and the droning of the brass heard from people in cars on their way to watch the game well before they arrive in the bleachers. But that sound, the sound that incites excitement during lulls of play and pushes the fans over the brink to elation when the moment comes, would not be possible if the bands weren't able to practice all summer.

The intense Southern heat is an extreme obstacle that must be overcome to provide what alumni and students expect to be there once the ball leaves the tee in fall.

Chris Machen and the West Point Warrior Marching Band strategically combat the heat during summer rehearsals to form an award-winning ensemble and soundtrack to the play on the field during game-days in autumn.

Machen is the Band Director at West Point High School and he and his musicians' work earned two-time band-of-the-week honors last year.

"[Combatting the heat] is hard," Machen said. "During our band camp we would come in [to the band room] during the hottest part of the day. We rehearse on asphalt, which makes it even hotter."

Machen explained that the band members under his leadership are tough and determined.

"There was one day when it was in the upper 90 [degrees], and they said, 'Hey, can we go outside, we have things we have to get done.'"

The marching band also, along with staying in the band room during he hottest parts of the day, works outside in only about 15-minute intervals.

"They have not performed in the uniforms yet. They know how hot they are, though. We had picture day the other day," Machen said.

Machen said although the band will have to be fully uniformed during game-day, the band members are allowed to take off the jackets of their uniform, fold them, and play through the first-half without the jackets on.

"During halftime they have to wear the full uniform and then they get the third quarter off, as sort of a reward for pushing through," he said. "Of course they like the uniforms when it starts getting cold, the uniforms finally keep them warm."

Machen said the band hasn't had any incidents of heat-exhaustion or passing out this year. But, this could be a result of the diet Machen enforces.

"I don't let them drink cokes during the football season. They have to be hydrated," Machen said.

"I really want to emphasize how important it is for them to take care of their bodies, that way their bodies can run like the well-oiled machines they are supposed to be."

Now that Machen and his band have braved the heat, their path only gets cooler moving forward.



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Overeaters Anonymous Gather at Grace Episcopal
Members of Overeaters Anonymous meet every Monday, at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in the Carriage House located on Church premises. Further information is available at 256-747-6218 or 256-352-1143. Everyone is invited to attend these gatherings.

Cornerstone Revival Ladies Prayer Meeting
A Ladies Prayer meeting is conducted each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Revival Center. For additional information call 256-796-2899. All interested women are invited to attend.

Tuesday

Cullman Caring for Kids in Need of Donations
If you are able to contribute to Cullman County's Community Food Band, the 'Caring for Kids' organization, they would be grateful. Non-perishable food items are needed, and of course cash enables them to purchase needed products to fill their empty shelves. Please call 256-739-1111 to see how to help or mail checks or money orders to Cullman Caring for Kids, P. O. Box 698, Cullman, Alabama 35056-0698. Thanks in advance for anything you can do.

Knifty Knitters Weekly Meeting
Members of the Cullman Knifty Knitters group meet each Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Cullman County Library. Everyone is invited to come learn how to knit yarn and needles are free. This group is open to all ages, both accomplished knitters and those wishing to learn the art form. Crocheters also are invited to take part in these weekly meetings. Please call Lesia for more info 256-734-2720, ext. 23.

Emotions Anonymous Support Group Meeting
An Emotions Anonymous Support Group meets each Tuesday at noon at Grace Episcopal Church Carriage House. Those interested are invited to attend these group sessions. Further information is available through the Group Director's office at 256-734-3605 or 256-796-8440.

Wednesday

St. Monica's Group
St. Monica's Group for those addicted to alcohol or drugs meets every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Basement of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. All are welcome to attend who feel the need. For further information please contact Brian at 256-595-0515 or Rita at 256-507-0358.

Church Group Wednesday Nights at CWAC
Youth groups, Sunday School Classes and other Church groups are invited to take part in 'Church Group Nights at Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center every Wednesday night from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. Please call 256-775-SWIM (7946).

Latter Day Saints Genealogy Library
The Genealogy Library at the Latter Day Saints (L.D.S.) Church is open to the public each Wednesday night from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Don Jones is available to open the Library at other times, if needed, so please contact him at 256-784-5098.

Girls & Boys Club at Spirit Life
Spirit Life Church will host a Girls & Boys Club meeting for those 12 and under every Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. at the church. All are welcome. Please call the church for further info 256-739-3326.

Thursday

New Vision Support Group
There is a New Vision Support Group which will meet at 10 a.m. and everyone interested in this subject is welcome to attend. The program is at Hilltop Community Center. Additional information is available by calling Linda Estes, 256-739-4653.

'Celebrate Recovery' at Hanceville First Baptist Church
There will be a 'Celebrate Recovery' meeting tonight starting at 7 p.m. at Hanceville First Baptist Church. Childcare will be available. Additional info Church office at 256-352-9150. Open to all!

Ageless Grace Fitness Class
Come join in the Ageless Grace Fitness Class held each Thursday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center. Leader Ann Caretti will show attendees the latest fitness tips available. The event is sponsored by Cullman Park and Recreation Department. Call 256-734-9157 for more information.

Thursday Afternoon Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
Those interested are invited to attend the weekly Thursday afternoon meetings of Overeaters Anonymous which begin at 4:45 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church's Carriage House. For additional information please call 734-376-2124 or 256-352-1143.

Friday

'Wii Bowling' at the Donald E. Green Senior Center
The entertainment for senior citizens is 'Wii Bowling' at the Donald E. Green Senior Center starting at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. Come enjoy some exercise (but not too physical!) and fellowship with friends. They bowl every Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 1 p.m.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild of Cullman
Members of the Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild of Cullman will gather at the Colonel Cullman Museum starting at 9:30 a.m. All interested quilters are invited to attend this meeting.

Saturday

Laughter Yoga at the Cullman Civic Center
Everyone is invited to take part in 'Laughter Yoga' classes each Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m. Donations accepted but no set fee is charged. Come start your weekend out with some great 'laughs'! Please call 256-734-9157 for additional information.

Next Monday

Bosom Buddies Support Group
The Bosom Buddies Support Group offers support to individuals affected by breast cancer. The group will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 16th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's Ave Maria Room in the Community Education Center located in Professional Office Building 2 (1890 AL Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

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CULLMAN WEARS DOWN ARAB, WINS 56-7

Johnny Thornton
Sports Correspondent

CULLMAN – Revenge was very satisfying for the Cullman Bearcats Friday night. At this time a year ago, the Bearcats fell to Arab 21-14, losing on opening night for the first time since 2004.

No team has ever defeated a Mark Britton led ball club at Cullman for two consecutive years. The Bearcats made sure of that by destroying the Arabian Knights 56-7.

Cullman played very well in the first half, taking advantage of opportunities and making less miscues than the opponent. Three touchdowns were produced in the opening half with the 'Cats hanging on to a 21-7 lead at the break.

Field position gave Cullman a chance to score. Forcing Arab to punt out of its end zone, the 'Cats took possession inside midfield and took a 6-0 lead on a one-yard run by Ethan McMinn with 4:29 to play in the first.

Then the defense did its job against Arab quarterback Daulton Hyatt. Defensive back Logan Shugarts stepped in front of the receiver and rambled 40 yards to the end zone and a 13-0 lead with the extra point from Issac Rodriguez.

Arab had its finest moment of the night, an 80-yard drive to get on the board. Hyatt completed a 73-yard pass on third and long from his six to get the Knights out of trouble.

Hyatt threw a TD from five yards and the conversion closed the score to 13-7 after the first.

The scoring stalled for both sides until Cullman took over from its 44 with 4:26 left in the second. The drive consumed 3:43 as McMinn took it in from the four and Rodriguez tacked on the conversion for a 21-7 lead at halftime.

Dawson Drake, who ran through the Arab defense all night, had his first TD of the season on an 8-yard run early in the fourth quarter.

This followed McMinn's third TD with Cullman now in control by the score of 35-7.

Drake's score was the first of four TDs in the final period for Cullman.

Josh Skinner got one on an 8-yard run with 6:45 remaining. Rodriguez followed with the kick to extend the lead to 42-7.

The last two TDs were provided by Logan Styles on a 30-yard run with 5:23 left following a fumble by Hyatt and the return of an interception from the Arab five with less than 3:00 to play.

This was the most points Cullman has scored against Arab while Britton has been at his alma mater. The 'Cats are 5-1 vs. Arab under Britton and now 40-17-2 all time.

The last time Arab won in Cullman was 14-13 in 1992.

Cullman will look to go 2-0 when Etowah comes to Woodard Stadium next Friday.

COLD SPRINGS EAGLES HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

Josh McBrayer
Sports Correspondent

BRILLIANT – From the opening kickoff of the 2015 high school football season, Cold Springs aimed to prove thier impressive 2014 campaign was no fluke and, safe to say, mission accomplished.

Starting with a first and ten from thier own 35 yard line, QB Cayde Elliott turned and stuck the ball in the gut of Nic Rollo who rambled up the sideline for a 65 yard touchdown.

The PAT split the uprights and just 24 seconds into the game, the Eagles held a 7-0 lead and they never looked back.

Following the Cold Springs score, the Brilliant Tigers quickly went three and out, putting the ball back in the hands of the Eagles offense who were looking to find paydirt once more.

Christian Crandell got the drive started with a 15 yard carry into Tiger territory. From the Brilliant 45, Fisher Willoughby scampered 37 yards to the Tiger 8 setting up a first and goal. A penalty momentarily pushed the Eagles back but they quickly recovered with Crandell finding the end zone from 3 yards out, leading to a 14-0 advantage.

A short kick and decent return set up Brilliant at thier own 47.

The Tigers took to the air as quarterback Hayden Bryant looked to connect with Trevor Lynch over the middle but the ball wound up in the hands of Crandell and the Eagles were in business once more.

From thier own 25, Elliot tucked the ball and shot the gap for a 14 yard gain

Crandell followed with a 14 yard pick up of his own and the Eagles were again in Tiger territory.

Two plays later, Cold Springs dented the scoreboard for the third time in the quarter when Crandell scores for the second time, this one from 12 yards out.

Another three and out put the ball back in the hands of the red hot Eagles offense and they once again took advantage.

On the fourth play from scrimmage, Levi Harris took the ball up the middle and steam rolled a Brilliant defender on his way to a 22 yard touchdown run.

After the PAT, Cold Springs led Brilliant 28-0 with2:22 left in the first quarter, however, they were not done.

Brilliant looked as if they were going gain a bit of momentum when Bryant hit Lynch over the middle but a solid hit from Cold Springs jarred the ball loose and Lucas Gay pounced on it for the Eagles' fumble recovery.

The ensuing drive was the Rollo show as he carried the ball three times for a total of 41 yards including a 10 yard rush for the score.

The PAT was wide right as the Cold Springs Eagles took a 34-0 lead to the second quarter.

The Brilliant Tigers started the second quarter with the ball but were unable to mount any offense.

On third and sixteen, Bryant took to the air but the ball floated on him and was picked off by the Eagles. Five plays later, Rollo crossed the goal line for the third time, from five yards out, and Cold Springs final score of the game.

The Eagles took a commanding 41-0 lead to the locker room at halftime.

Instead of the normal 12 minute quarters, both head coaches agreed to shorten the third and fourth quarter to six minutes each as the second half kicked off.

Brilliant finally got on the board with 47.3 seconds left in the third when Anthony Sartain scored from two yards out.

The two point conversion was good and the score stood at 41-8 in favor of the Eagles. Brilliant would score once more in the fourth but it was not enough to clip the wings of the Cold Springs Eagles as they took the season opener 41-14.

E-Learning (from Front)

also provided the opportunity to teach students how to research, create and apply their knowledge via the Internet and Google applications.

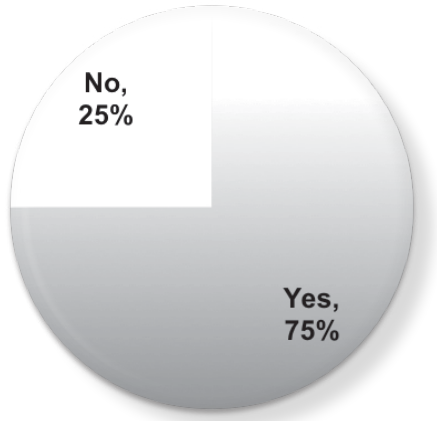
The middle school students are currently using this new space by learning and applying a format that uses the premise of the popular TV show titled "Shark Tank". This format has the students research and develop a business-plan in hopes of winning over an investor.

Principal Chuck Gambrill says, "By using the Shark Tank idea we will be teaching our students business skills, presentation skills, and organizational skills." The students are broken down into small groups and assigned a popular current product to do the following: research, build a presentation and then deliver the presentation. The groups will present to their individual classes with the winners advancing to a final round in February. "Myself and April are excited to see the positive reaction by the students about this learning experience." stated Chuck Gambrill.

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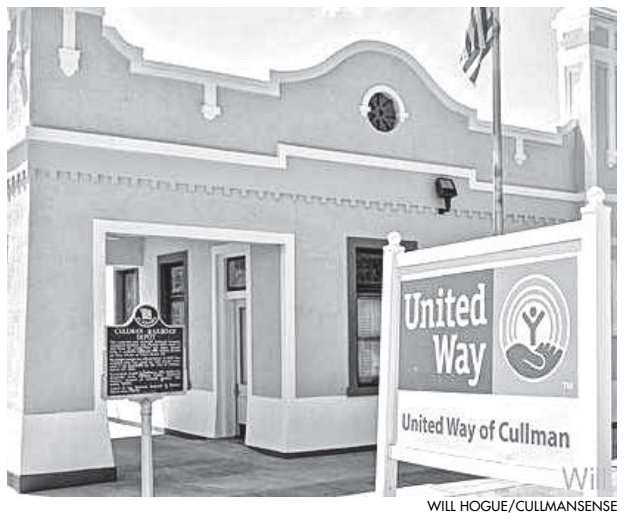
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DIVINO NIÑO WEEKEND TO BE HELD AT SHRINE SEPT. 5-6

The Nuns of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament invite the public to join them on Saturday and Sunday, September 5th and 6th, as they celebrate Divino Niño, which is also known as the Divine Child Jesus. **QRNE.WS/384**



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CULLMAN TRAIN DEPOT GETS NEEDED RENOVATIONS

The city of Cullman, with the help of a monetary grant, was able to perform renovations to the Cullman Train Depot that were "long overdue," according to United Way of Cullman County Executive Sammie Danford. United Way rents space in the Cullman Train Depot, and for the two years that... **QRNE.WS/385**

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COLLEGE CAMPUS AND APARTMENT SAFETY TIPS FOR STUDENTS

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HANCEVILLE– As the fall college semester begins, many students are beginning an adventure like no other. Most will be leaving their home for the first time and although most students will have a roommate living with them, some may be living alone for the first time. Students need to know to stay safe on campus, and going to and from their dorm or apartment building.

Tyler Roden, Chief of Police at Wallace State, explained, "I think one of the main things that they (students) need to aware of, and be conscious of I should say, is what's going on around them regardless of what they are doing. They are a new student, perhaps, and they have a lot of other things on their mind other than safety issues. It's kinda like vacation, we go on vacation and we think about having a good time on our vacation, we don't think about sometimes the dangers that can be around us. But I think it's really important especially to new students as they are moving to a new home, moving away from mom and dad. They are meeting new people, trying different things, different schedules and things of that nature. Once they sense something is not right, their instincts tell them something is not right, they need to listen to that. I think too quickly people dismiss things that are odd to them or suspicious to them, and they'll quickly make an excuse like 'Well that's okay they're waiting on somebody' and it's somebody that might be waiting to rob or steal."

According to Roden it is essential for students to listen to their instincts and notify someone as soon as possible.

"We encourage students to know how to contact campus police or campus security. Some campuses may have a security force, we have a police force here," Roden stated.

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> Tyler Roden, WSCC Chief of Police

"Have those numbers readily available in your cell phone. We (Wallace Police Force) have a couple of numbers, a couple of different ways to contact us, other than 911, in case it's not an emergency."

Roden advised students to learn what kind of programs and services are available at their campus and to know who to contact other than just the campus police, such as one of the various student services.

Wallace State Campus Police is on call anytime night or day.

Phone numbers Wallace State students may need to know:

• Campus Security/Switchboard 256-352-8000

• WSCC Police Department, Campus Office 256-352-8440

• WSCC Police Department, Officer on Duty 256-735-9975

"We have, like all college campuses are required to publish, certain policies and procedures relating to victimization," Roden said.

Wallace State will be introducing a video series on crime prevention and awareness to all its students. They will be unveiling it in a couple of weeks on the school's Blackboard learning system.

Tips from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office for college students who may be living alone for the first time:

• **Know Your Neighbors:** They can help in case of an emergency and also keep a check on you from time to time.

• **Install Motion Sensor Outdoor Lights:** Or leave the outdoor light on if you live in an apartment. This will deter people from lurking around the residence.

• **Bar in the Slinging Glass Door:** The sliding glass door on a deck or patio can be quite the worry. Find a metal pole, mop handle or similar item and wedge it into the track of the door.

No matter how hard someone jostles and pulls at the door there is no way they will get it open, and breaking the glass causes a lot of unwanted noise.

"I would also encourage people to be cautious what they post on social media when it comes to their personal information and travel plans," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.



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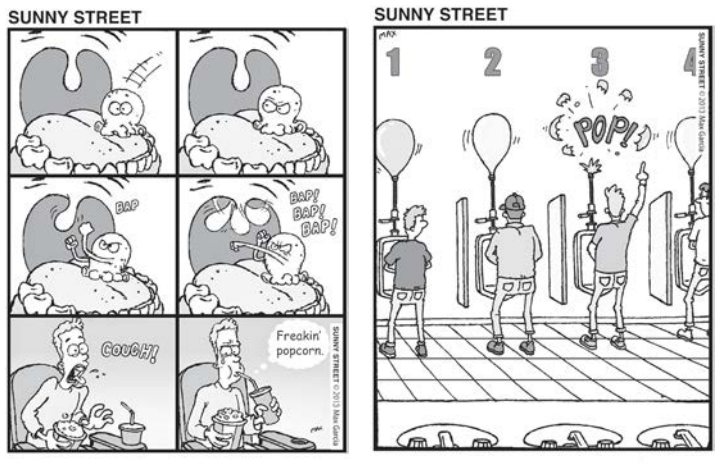


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PETS OF THE WEEK

KIMBO



Hello my name is Kimbo and I am about 4 months old. I am a Pit Bull Terrier mix and I currently weigh 24 lbs. I was a stray but no one claimed me so I am up for adoption at that time. My adoption fee is $90 and that includes my spay/neuter, vaccines, wormer, and also covers my general exam at the Vet, the rabies vaccine, microchip, free 45 day health insurance policy and our local Pet Depot will give you a free bag of food (you pay the taxes) in support of you adopting a Shelter animal.

HAPPI



Hello my name is Happi and I am about 9 months old. I am a Pit Bull mix and I currently weigh 38 lbs. I am full of life and I love to play. My adoption fee is $90 and that covers my first set of vaccines and wormer at the Shelter. It also covers my general exam at the Vet, the rabies vaccine, spay, microchip, free 45 day health insurance policy and our local Pet Depot will give you a free bag of food (you pay the taxes) for adopting me.

ADOPT THESE PETS TODAY

Both of these dogs have an adoption fee of $90 that will include their general exam at the Vet, vaccines, wormer, rabies shot, microchip, spay/neuter, and free 45 days of pet health insurance. Pet Depot will give you a bag of food (you pay taxes) as their way of supporting adoption.

If you know the owner of either dog or if you are interested in adopting one of the dogs, please call 256-734-5448 or come by the Animal Shelter.

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CONSORTING WITH THE DEVIL

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Throughout the Cold War, and doubtless right down to the present, professional people with skills relevant to "national security" have been secretly recruited to work for the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Defense. Universities are among those particularly targeted. Scholars and campus research centers have received CIA and DoD funding for conferences and publications, for collecting intelligence while abroad, and even for spying, all under cloak of secrecy.

Among the more notorious examples is the 1985 scandal at Harvard, in which the head of its Center for Middle Eastern Studies Center was found to have a financial contract with the CIA for research and conferences. He was forced to resign. Yale has had unusually close ties with the CIA dating back many years, contributing student recruits and directors.

Universities are hardly alone in having intelligence ties to government agencies. Foreign affairs specialists working at think tanks, living abroad, or serving in nongovernmental organizations are also prey. I was one of those people. In 1966, following my graduate education, I was hired by the RAND Corporation in California to work in a classified, DoD-sponsored project to assess "Viet Cong Motivation and Morale." The project aimed at finding weaknesses in the enemy's thinking that the US military could exploit through psychological warfare and bombing. I and others read field interviews with captured Vietnamese soldiers to try to discover what drove their dedication and willingness to fight no matter the hardships. Like some other of my RAND colleagues, I wound up concluding exactly the opposite of what the Pentagon funders of the project wanted, namely, that the "enemy" was us, and that Viet Cong motivation could not be overcome by napalm, Agent Orange, or carpet bombing (and in fact was heightened by such actions). The best US strategy, we concluded, was to get out of Vietnam. But most colleagues at RAND did not see things that way, and, the RAND-DoD partnership continued.

Telecommunication companies, starting with AT&T and Verizon, are also part of the intelligence network. Thanks to Edward Snowden, they are now known to have had a long and friendly relationship with the National Security Council under the NSC's Special Source Operations. AT&T for over a decade (at least to 2013, perhaps still today) collaborated with the NSC in collecting billions of emails and wiretapping United Nations Internet communications. The companies received hundreds of millions of dollars for allowing the NSC to tap communications between foreigners and between US citizens and foreigners.

The latest revelation concerning those who "consort with the devil" concerns psychologists in the American Psychological Association. In utter disregard for professional ethics, a number of prominent psychologists worked closely with the CIA's and the Pentagon's torture programs in Afghanistan. They not only condoned but personally profited from torture, all in the name of supporting the US war effort. It was a case of first-class collusion, abuse of authority, and conflict of interest—and it went largely unnoticed until recently.

The report on the psychologists cited above finds that at every fork in the road, when choices had to be made about participation in the torture programs, they rationalized participation on the basis that the various torture tactics employed really didn't amount to torture. Left unsaid was that some of the decision makers were under contract with the CIA or the Pentagon, or served on one of their advisory committees. Several of them used approval of participation in torture to then contract with the Pentagon or CIA for profitable work, including ways to improve interrogation techniques.

You would think that such unethical, indeed disgraceful behavior would warrant a complete overhaul of the APA's ethics guidelines, dismissal from APA posts of those psychologists who participated in the torture programs, and public naming and shaming of others who were involved. But so far, despite not one but two major reports on the APA's involvement the APA reportedly is merely considering what to do. As though the honorable thing to do is somehow unclear.

Private professionals working secretly on projects that enhance war making is a problem that is likely to get worse as opportunities outside government to pursue one's chosen academic craft diminish. Anthropologists who can't find tenure-track teaching positions are working for DoD in Afghanistan. Lawyers find government positions more lucrative than private practice—and then, as under George W. Bush, authorize torture and other illegalities. Think tank experts shill for the government in hopes of landing on the inside. All these people will, of course, vigorously assert their independence of mind, when in fact they have been coopted. The question then is, Who speaks for peace and what are the rewards for it?

OPINION

TODDCARE

Tom H. Hastings
PeaceVoice

My friend died last night. I found him early this morning.

Todd Matthew Williams was just 51. He suffered from congestive heart failure—at least that's what we guessed. Despite a life of work—six years in the US Army, several years teaching Native American children on a reservation in South Dakota, several years working for a nonprofit in Albuquerque, driving truck in Portland—Todd had no health insurance. He never went to the doctor and so he died. Young.

Wait! Wasn't ObamaCare supposed to eliminate all that?

Todd was fired from his last trucking job for getting into some fender benders and had been healthy his whole adult life until relatively recently. Looking back, I suspect he was simply beginning to show symptoms of his heart condition a year ago. But he was a private man and in some ways all too typical of many men, who, as Dave Barry once wrote, usually wait to see a doctor until something serious happens, like decapitation.

When will we finally decide as a nation that we should learn to follow the example of every other advanced nation on Earth from Canada to Japan to all of Europe to Australia and on and on—universal health care? We endure more than 26,000 premature adult deaths annually in America because millions still have no real access to a health care system that is advanced and can prevent early mortalities? My friend Kent was diagnosed with a congestive heart condition when he was 60. He was, and is, insured. He is 74 and going strong, with proper care and medication.

Todd finally told me on Sunday that he was having trouble walking. He showed me his legs, swollen and with the bruises typical of edema often produced by congestive heart failure. A routine checkup a year ago may well have treated and largely corrected this. But of course health care is a privilege in the USA. It is your right, as a US citizen, to have more than 7,000 expensive nuclear weapons on obscenely costly Trident submarines and Stealth bombers, all prepped all the time to destroy life on Earth. It is your right, as an American, to project power and dominance from approximately 1,000 military bases on the sovereign soil of other people's lands, costing far more than universal health care would ever cost. No other country does this. Find me the Chinese bases in Europe; find me the Russian bases in Oceana or Africa. Look in 153 of the 193 nation-states on Earth and you'll find only US bases. Look in Todd's room and you won't find him. He and thousands of others are sacrificed on the altar of militarism every year.

Can we change this? Can we replace elected officials until they finally fix it? Please?



CULLMAN RESIDENT FEATURED IN NEW 'CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL' BOOK

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>
> Tanya Shearer, Cullman Author

CULLMAN – "Chicken Soup for the Soul" is a series of books that usually feature a collection of short inspirational stories and motivational essays. There have been over 100 million of these books sold in the U.S. and Canada to date. With more than 250 titles, the books have been translated into more than 40 languages. "Chicken Soup for the Soul" is now one of the world's best-known phrases and is regularly referenced in pop culture. Cullman County now has a direct connection to the book series!

Cullman resident Tanya Shearer has written her third story for the popular series. 'No Strings Attached" is featured in the newest book, "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Volunteering & Giving Back". The book is filled with stories about passion and purpose – from people who are passionate about their volunteer work and their charitable giving, passionate about the new purpose they have found in their lives and passionate about what volunteering has done for them.

In Shearer's story, "No Strings Attached" she tells about her struggle with the loss of her job while at the same time organizing Cullman's Empty Bowls program twelve years ago. Empty Bowls has continued to grow each year and many hungry children in the Cullman area have gone to bed with full tummies as a result.

"The concept for an 'Empty Bowls' fundraiser was not new, though it was new to our community," Shearer said.

"The fundraiser provided much-needed revenue for the food bank and involved students of all ages, businesses, churches, artists and musicians in our community. The plan consisted of local potters and students making keepsake clay bowls to serve soup and chili to the people attending the diner. Afterward, the bowls would be a daily reminder of the hungry people in our community."

"I truly believe that God blesses us for a purpose so that we can share and be a blessing to others," Shearer explained. "Whether it is financially or with our talents or abilities, when we encourage and lift others up, we can't help but feel joy ourselves. Ronald Reagan said, 'We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.'" she smiled warmly.

"Chicken Soup for the Soul: Volunteering & Giving Back" is Shearer's third book to be a part of. Her stories have also been in the books, "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Parenthood" and "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Here Comes the Bride".

"Being published in the Chicken Soup books feels great," Shearer giggled. "It is very encouraging and makes me want to write more. My last story was published in 2013 and so there has been a little bit of a lull. I am so grateful for this blessing that God has given me."

Shearer credits her grandmother, Hazel Meyer Anderson for her love of writing. She spoke of her grandmother's love for the written word and her beautiful poetry. Just like Tanya, her grandmother was a wonderful storyteller.

Tanya Shearer is just one more example of the incredible talent we have here in Cullman. Her stories in the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books mentioned are available at chickensoup.com and wherever books are sold.



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/CULLMANSENSE

Tanya poses with the three "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books she has contributed her stories to.

CULLMAN COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB RECEIVES TOP HONORS

Cullman Community Lions Club

CULLMAN – The prestigious Roderick Beddow, Sr. Lions Club of the Year Award for 2014-2015 was presented to the Cullman Community Lions Club during an awards ceremony at the Lions of Alabama Annual Leadership Conference in Troy, Alabama on Saturday, August 15, 2015. This award is given annually in honor of Past Lions International President Roderick Beddow to the club who, in the opinion of the selection committee, has most distinguished themselves in service and the promotion of Lionism.

The Community Lions Club was chosen out of 140 Lions Clubs in Alabama as the recipient of the award. Last year's Community Lions Club President, Ron Seybold, was on hand to accept the award.

"I am so very proud of our members and all they have been able to accomplish for the community. We are able to provide needed service because of the compassion and dedication of our members," stated Seybold.

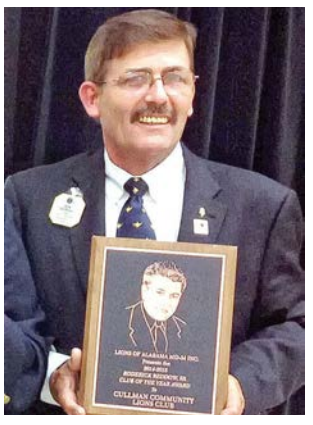
Formed in 2011 and consisting of both men and women, the Cullman Community Lions Club places a significant emphasis on juvenile diabetes.

The club sponsors the annual STRIDES: Diabetes Awareness Walk at Heritage Park and the Cullman Area Family Fun Day for children and their families living with diabetes at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center.

The club also provides emergency diabetes supplies at all schools in the county and for each school bus that transports a diabetic child. This year's diabetes walk will be held at 2 p.m. on November 15th. Additional information is available from Walk Chairman Laurita Hogland 256-531-2298.

The club's annual Oktoberfest Bed Race will be held on October 10th, and everyone is encouraged to attend this fun-filled event.

For more information about the Community Lions Club contact Ron Seybold at 256-531-6075, Club President Charles Osborne at 256-739-0139, or visit cullmancommunitylions.com.



CULLMAN COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB

Ron Seybold accepts the prestigous award.

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